



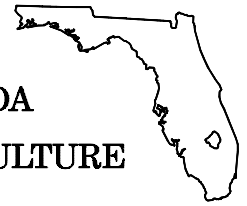
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# FIELD CROPS

## POTATO STOCKS

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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### Fall Potato Stocks Down 14 Percent

The 15 major potato States held 267 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 2001, down 14 percent from last year and 7 percent below 1999. Storage accounted for 68 percent of the fall storage States 2001 production, the same percentage as last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 9 percent round white, 4 percent long white (Shepody) and 84 percent russet; with a lower percentage of round whites and a higher percentage of russets than a year ago.

Disappearance, at 127 million cwt, from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 14 percent from the same period last year and 13 percent less than two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 14.8 million cwt, is down 21 percent from last year and 25 percent below two years ago.

Processors used 64.9 million cwt of 2001 crop potatoes so far this season, down 17 percent from a year ago and 14 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur processing fell 29 percent while Washington and the rest of Oregon is down 16 percent from a year ago.

Eastern States stored 16.7 million cwt of potatoes on

December 1, down 11 percent from last year and 16 percent below 1999. Maine's stocks were down 14 percent, and Pennsylvania's stocks declined 15 percent. New York's potato storage was above last year by 12 percent.

Central States accounted for 64.8 million cwt of potato stocks this December, down 8 percent from last year but 3 percent above two years ago. North Dakota's stocks are up 5 percent and the other five Central States are down from last year. Nebraska and Ohio stocks are off 35 percent and 37 percent, respectively. Minnesota's storage is down 15 percent and Michigan is off 6 percent from a year ago. Wisconsin's potato stocks are down 5 percent from last year.

Western States held 185 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, a drop of 16 percent from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. The 2001 water shortage helped reduce California's potato stocks 63 percent and Oregon's 30 percent below last year. Colorado farmers stored 23 percent fewer potatoes this year than last. Idaho's potato stocks dropped 14 percent, while Washington's storage fell 10 percent from last year. Montana's seed storage decreased 12 percent.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2000-2001 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2000	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2001	Percent of Production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,741	2,700	72	1,113	1,000	90
Colorado	27,972	20,300	73	21,357	15,600	73
Idaho	152,320	111,000	73	127,980	95,000	74
Maine	17,920	14,100	79	16,120	12,100	75
Michigan	14,963	8,700	58	14,030	8,200	58
Minnesota	21,240	14,200	67	18,425	12,000	65
Montana	3,503	3,350	96	3,040	2,950	97
Nebraska	10,127	7,500	74	8,512	4,850	57
New York	5,964	2,600	44	5,942	2,900	49
North Dakota	26,950	18,500	69	26,400	19,500	74
Ohio	1,134	350	31	984	220	22
Oregon	30,683	25,000	81	20,190	17,500	87
Pennsylvania	3,510	2,000	57	3,173	1,700	54
Washington	105,000	59,000	56	94,400	53,000	56
Wisconsin	33,800	21,000	62	31,955	20,000	63
Total 15 States	458,827	310,300	68	393,621	266,520	68

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt.

**POTATOES:** Quantity used for processing, nine States, 1998-2001 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
1,000 cwt									
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	1998	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
	2000	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001	20,940							
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	1998	1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999	1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
	2000	1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001	1,935							
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	1998	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
	2000	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001	29,270							
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	1998	11,570	14,465	18,030	20,850	24,850	28,190	31,365	39,865
	1999	12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	35,940
	2000	12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001	12,715							
Total	1998	74,140	89,990	108,880	128,335	149,415	168,100	186,670	222,400
	1999	75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,030
	2000	78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001	64,860							

<sup>1/</sup> Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. <sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only. <sup>3/</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. MI, MN, ND, and WI in 1998 and 1999.